

REMARKS

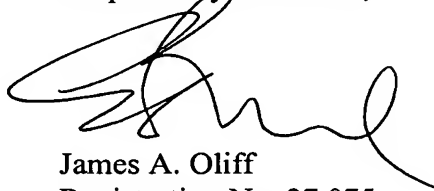
Claims 1-18 are pending in this application.

The Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment indicates that the Amendment filed March 17, 2005 was non-compliant because claim 2 included a "Currently Amended" status identifier and the claim did not show markings. The claim status identifier of claim 2 has been correctly changed to "Original" as claim 2 was not amended as can be inferred from the Remarks section. A complete listing of claims 1-18 with the correct status identifier of claim 2 is submitted herewith.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-18 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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